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Memorandum

TO: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

FROM: SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

DATE: 4/13/64

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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On 11/22/63, at approximately 3:00 p.m., I arrived at the Dallas PD for the purpose of interviewing LEE HARVEY OSWALD. When I arrived in the basement of the PD, I met Lt. JACK REVILL, head of the Intelligence Unit of the Dallas PD. Lt. REVILL advised me that he "had a hot lead" on the assassination of President KENNEDY; that a man whose first name was LEE was the only employee of the Texas School Book Depository who was not accounted for. I then told Lt. REVILL that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had already been arrested by the Dallas PD and was presently in the office of Captain WILL FRITZ, Homicide - Bureau, being interrogated. This was the first time that REVILL had learned of OSWALD's arrest.

I further advised Lt. REVILL that OSWALD had defected to Russia and had returned to this area in 1962, and that LEE OSWALD was employed at the Texas School Book Depository. I further advised Lt. REVILL that OSWALD was now the main suspect in the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The above constitutes the entire content of my conversation with Lt. REVILL. The matter of OSWALD's possible potential for violence did not arise, was not discussed, and I said nothing to Lt. REVILL along this line. I have had no further conversations with Lt. REVILL concerning this matter.

The above conversation took place on the stairway from the basement to the third floor in the Dallas PD, during which time Lt. REVILL and I were both running up the stairs and not facing each other. The Dallas PD at this time was a complete bedlam with newsmen, cameramen, and numerous curious people milling around. The noise level was very high and it was very difficult to hear anything. No one else was involved in this conversation and it is doubtful anyone would have heard more than a word or two of our conversation since we were moving at all times during the conversation. I then entered the office of Captain FRITZ and our conversation ended. The entire conversation lasted approximately 1½ minutes.

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A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation told Police Lieutenant JACK REVEL approximately one hour after the arrest of OSWALD that the prime suspect in the shooting was sympathetic to the Communist Party. He also told the officer at 2:50 P.M., November 22, that the FBI was aware of OSWALD's presence in Dallas and that he had been checked. OSWALD once defected to Russia but returned to the United States.

Lieutenant Revel addressed the report to Chief J. E. CURRY. The lieutenant, who heads the Criminal Intelligence Section of the Special Service Bureau, dictated the report as a routine matter on the afternoon of November 22.

Early Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, Chief CURRY revealed that the FBI had been aware of OSWALD's presence in the Dallas area. The FBI had not previously notified Dallas police.

A spokesman for the FBI said that normal security checks are not usually passed on to local police unless there is a circumstances requiring joint action. In the case of OSWALD, FBI checks did not indicate that he was a man of violence. He was one of many checked out on a security list. All FBI information on OSWALD was immediately made available to Dallas police and the Secret Service after the assassination. The FBI cooperated with the Dallas police and Secret Service on OSWALD information following the assassination. Chief CURRY noted full cooperation between the two police agencies, viz., FBI and Dallas police.

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